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2022 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
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RECEIPT NUMBER:
 37-05/16/2022-0330
 STATE CLEARING HOUSE NUMBER (if applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY SAN DIEGO UNIFIED PORT DISTRICT (SDUPD)	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 05/16/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN DIEGO	DOCUMENT NUMBER 37-2022-0330	

PROJECT TITLE
 PUBLIC ACCESS DURING COMIC-CON INTERNATIONAL: SAN DIEGO (COMIC-CON)

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME FAE DESMOND, SAN DIEGO COMIC CONVENTION	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER 619-414-1020
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 225 BROADWAY SUITE 1800	CITY SAN DIEGO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 92101

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,539.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)/(ND)	\$2,548.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,203.25	\$	0.00

- Exempt from fee
- Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	0.00

PAYMENT METHOD

Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE San Diego County Clerk, JOBELL RUSIT, Deputy
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Payment Reference #: 008963



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
CEQA FILING COVER SHEET**

FILED
May 16, 2022 09:42 AM
Ernest J. Dronenburg, Jr.
SAN DIEGO COUNTY CLERK
File # 2022-000376
State Receipt # 37051620220330

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Project Title

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(COMIC-CON)**

Check Document being Filed:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- Notice of Exemption (NOE)
- Other (Please fill in type):

**FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SAN DIEGO
COUNTY CLERK ON** May 16, 2022
Posted May 16, 2022 **Removed** _____
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Notice of Exemption**CEQA Guidelines Appendix E**

<p>To: <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Planning and Research 1400 Tenth Street, Room 121 Sacramento, CA 95814</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> San Diego County Recorder/County Clerk 1600 Pacific Highway, Suite 260 San Diego, CA 92101-2480</p>	<p>From: (Public Agency) San Diego Unified Port District Development Services Department 3165 Pacific Highway San Diego, CA 92101</p>
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Project Title: *Public Access During Comic-Con International: San Diego (Comic-Con)*

Project Location – Specific: *Park Boulevard/Convention Way; Embarcadero Marina Park South, 200 Marina Park Way, San Diego, CA 92101; Harbor Drive between First Avenue and Park Boulevard; Front driveway and sidewalk in front of the San Diego Convention Center, 111 West Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101; South Embarcadero Promenade*

Project location – City: *San Diego*

Project Location – County: *San Diego*

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project: *The proposed project is the temporary activities associated with Comic-Con International: San Diego (Comic-Con), proposed by San Diego Comic Convention, a California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation that manages Comic-Con, and the San Diego Convention Center Corporation collectively, "Applicant". The proposed project includes public access components, safety and security restrictions, attendee line queuing and use of Embarcadero Marina Park South (EMPS) (collectively, "Project"). The Project would occur in the areas surrounding the San Diego Convention Center (SDCC), including portions of EMPS, EMPS parking, the public promenade around the perimeter of EMPS, portions of the Embarcadero Promenade between the entrances to EMPN and EMPS, Convention Way/Park Boulevard, a segment of Harbor Drive between First Avenue and Park Boulevard, the SDCC front driveway, and a segment of the sidewalk in front of the SDCC (collectively, "Project Site"). The Project does not include areas within San Diego Unified Port District (District) leaseholds (i.e., Fifth Avenue Landing (FAL), Hilton San Diego Bayfront (Hilton), and San Diego Symphony Orchestra Association (SDSOA)); District staff would ensure adequate public access is maintained in those areas. The event would have an approximate duration of 4.5 days, with 2.5 additional days for event setup and 2 for breakdown, for a total duration of 9 days.*

Safety and Security Restrictions

For safety and security purposes, a partial segment of Harbor Drive, from First Avenue to Park Boulevard, and the SDCC front driveway, would be temporarily restricted to shuttle loading and unloading, prepaid parking pass holders, Americans with Disabilities access, and emergency vehicles (i.e., no general public vehicles). If needed for COVID-19 related vaccine verification, the front driveway may be used for Comic-Con badge holder screening and line queuing. This restriction on Harbor Drive and the front driveway would be temporary, and would occur as follows:

- Harbor Drive
 - Wednesday: 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. (maximum of 8 hours)
 - Thursday through Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (maximum of 15 hours each day)
 - Sunday: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (maximum of 13 hours)
- Front Driveway
 - Wednesday: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (maximum of 15 hours)
 - Thursday through Saturday: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (maximum of 15 hours each day)
 - Sunday: 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (maximum of 13 hours)

However, Harbor Drive may be re-opened earlier than these stated times when deemed safe by public safety officials. Market Street would be the primary detour for general public vehicles. No later than 30 days prior to the start of the event, SDCC would post the vehicular route detours on their website and include it in all applicable promotional materials (i.e., press releases, FAQs, and information brochures).

In addition, a portion of the sidewalk fronting SDCC would be restricted to Comic-Con attendees only (i.e., no general public). This restriction would be temporary, occurring on Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a maximum of 8 hours; Thursday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. for a maximum of 15 hours each day; and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for a maximum of 13 hours. If needed for COVID-19 related vaccine verification, this sidewalk may be used for Comic-Con badge holder screening and line queuing. Similar to the Harbor Drive street segment and front driveway, the sidewalk in front of SDCC may be re-opened earlier than these stated times when deemed safe by public safety officials. During the temporary sidewalk restriction times, general public pedestrians would be redirected to use the MLK Promenade. The SDCC, Plaza Park adjacent to the SDCC, and the sidewalk behind the SDCC between SDCC and Convention Way would be restricted to attendees only.

Line Queuing and Use of EMPS

EMPS: The Project would utilize a portion of EMPS for attendee line queuing, as well as reserve EMPS parking spaces for vendors, equipment storage, portable restrooms, production area, and trash dumpsters.

At minimum, 31 clearly marked parking spaces at EMPS would be available for public use on a first come first served basis, including dedicated spaces for public fishing pier users. At no times would the event prohibit pedestrian public access to the existing public fishing pier, water ferry, two eateries, and the public promenade around the perimeter of EMPS. During the event, vehicular public access to the waterfront, public fishing pier, adjacent businesses, and to the limited public parking (available on a first come first served basis) would be available via Convention Way.

Embarcadero Promenade: As a result of COVID-19, State of California and County of San Diego requirements for indoor "mega-events" may result in the need for the Project Site to be expanded to include the Embarcadero Promenade to provide additional outdoor line queuing space for vaccine verification and/or attendee line queuing. SD Comic Convention shall first use all available surrounding outdoor areas for such queuing, such as: the SDCC front driveway and the sidewalk fronting the SDCC, the eastern portion of EMPS, and portions of the public promenade around the perimeter of EMPS.

If these areas are being used for line queuing and additional outdoor queuing space is needed, then SD Comic Convention may utilize a portion of the Embarcadero Promenade between the entrances to EMPS and EMPN (between Marina Walk and Convention Way, and segment adjacent to the Hyatt Hotel and Seaport Village) for additional queuing. At no times would the event prohibit pedestrian public access to the Embarcadero Promenade, and no less than 50% of the Promenade width would always remain open to the general public.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: San Diego Unified Port District (SDUPD)

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Fae Desmond, San Diego Comic Convention, 225 Broadway, Suite 1800, San Diego, California 92101; (619) 414- 1020; and Clifford "Rip" Rippetoe, San Diego Convention Center Corporation, 111 West Harbor Drive, San Diego, California 9210; (619) 525-5101

- Exempt Status:** (Check one):
- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
 - Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
 - Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
 - Categorical Exemption: Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4) and Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings (SG § 15323) (Class 23)**
 - Statutory Exemption. State code number:

Reason Why Project is Exempt: The Project is determined to be Categorically Exempt pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land) and/or 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings) and Section 3.d (6) of the District's Guidelines for Compliance with CEQA because it is a temporary event that would not involve the removal of mature, scenic trees, would not have any permanent effects on the environment, and would consist of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings. Section 3.d (6) of the District's CEQA Guidelines and CEQA Guidelines Section 15323 are as follows:

3.d. Minor Alterations to Land (SG § 15304) (Class 4): Includes minor alterations in the condition of land, water and/or vegetation not involving removal of mature, scenic trees, including, but not limited to:

- (6) Minor temporary use of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment.

AND/OR

Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings (SG § 15323) (Class 23): Consists of the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed, where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same or similar kind of purpose. For the purposes of this section, "past history" shall mean that the same or similar kind of activity has been occurring for at least three years and that there is a reasonable expectation that the future occurrence of the activity would not represent a change in the operation of the facility. Facilities included within this exemption include, but are not limited to, racetracks, stadiums, convention centers, auditoriums, amphitheaters, planetariums, swimming pools, and amusement parks.

Lead Agency Contact Person and Telephone Number: Lillian Mattes, (619) 787-9374

Signature: J. Mattes Date: 05/16/2022 Title: Assistant Planner

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR/Clerk: